

Wrongly reporting of Proceedings by the Press

SRI H. S. SIDDAPPA.—Yesterday, I happened to speak on the Privilege motion given notice of my Leader. A word has been wrongly reported in the press. The Press has reported that I have uttered the words “Shut Up” against the hon. Member Sri Vatal Nagaraj. I may inform you Sir that I have never uttered those words against my friend Sri Vatal Nagaraj. By reporting such a word, it has created a sort of a confusion between myself and Sri Vatal Nagaraj as also against my party to which I belong. I therefore seek the protection of the Chair in this behalf.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—If the Press has wrongly reported, that cannot be construed as a matter of privilege. What is reported in the press cannot be taken cognisance of, but what is noted down by our Reporters is more important than what is reported in the Press. Now I see Sri Nagaraj and Sri Siddappa smiling and therefore there is no privilege as such. I will see that harmony between them is maintained.

SRI H. S. SIDDAPPA.—Even if Sri Vatal Nagaraj were to keep quiet, but his friends are instigating him to create trouble. I request you kindly to see that the Press correctly reports the matter.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—No one can misguide Sri Nagaraj.

Calling Attention to a Matter of Urgent Public Importance

re: Incidents at Pollibetta in June 1972

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Sri A. M. Belliappa to call the attention of the Chief Minister.

SRI A. M. BELLIPPA.—I call the attention of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to the incident that took place at Pollibetta, Mercara Constituency on 22nd June 1972.

SRI D. DEVERAJ URS (Chief Minister).—I state as follows:

It is reported that on the night of 22nd June 1972, between 8-30 P.M. and 9-00 P.M., a group of 30 to 40 people came to Polibetta in vans and jeeps. This miscreants were armed with sticks and a number of them had masked their faces. They attacked and looted shops and hotels and also attempted to set fire to a few houses. Eighteen persons belonging to both the communities sustained injuries. Two of the injured persons—one of each community—were admitted to hospital in a serious condition. One of them aged 60 years succumbed to the injuries at the Civil Hospital, Mercara, at about 3-20 P.M. on 23rd June 1972 and the other injured person also succumbed to the injuries on 27th

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June 1972. One Police Constable also sustained minor injury on his fore-arm in the melee.

Immediately on receipt of information, the Sub-Inspector of Police, Siddapur Police Station, rushed to Polibetta with a party of the District Armed Reserve and brought the situation under control. The District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police, Coorg District also rushed to the spot with additional police reinforcement as soon as they received information about the incidents.

In connection with these incidents, the police have registered five cases as detailed below.

- 1 Cr. No. 45/72 U/s. 143,147,148,149,448,427,395,307 IPC.
- 2 Cr. No. 46/72 U/s. 143,147,148,149,448,436,307 IPC.
- 3 Cr. No. 47/72 U/s. 143,147,148,149,448,436,395,307 IPC
- 4 Cr. No. 48/72 U/s.143,147,141,149,448,436,395,324,307 I.P.C.
- 5 Cr. No. 49/72 U/s. 307 I.P.C.

Thirteen persons have been rounded up so far and investigation of the cases is in progress.

To prevent further breach of peace, orders under section 35 of the Mysore Police Act have been promulgated in Polibetta Panchayat area for a period of seven days from 23rd June 1972. One Platoon of Mysore Special Reserve Police and D.A.R. Party are patrolling the Town. Armed Police parties have been stationed at other important places in Coorg District as a precautionary measure.

Detailed assessment of losses is being worked out, but the present approximate assessment is about Rs. 10,000.

The situation at present is perfectly under control. The Deputy Inspector General of Police, Southern Range, Mysore, is camping at Polibetta and guiding the investigation of cases. Efforts are being made to recover the lost property.

10-00 A.M.

Sri A. M. BELLIPPA.—On page 2 of the note it is stated that 13 have been rounded up so far and investigation is in progress. Did they belong to any political party or to any communal organisation?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—They belong to both the communities. But whether they belong to any political party is a matter to be investigated.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾಗೋಡು ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಎರಡು ಕಮ್ಯೂನಿಟಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿದ ತಕ್ಕವರು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅವರು ಯಾವ್ಯಾವ ಜಾತಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿದವರು ಅಥವಾ ಯಾವ್ಯಾವ ಮತೀಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸೇರಿದವರು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್—ಅವರು ಹಿಂದೂ ಮತ್ತು ಮುಸಲ್ಮಾನ್ ಮತಕ್ಕೆ ಸೇರಿದವರು ಇನ್ನೂ ಒಳಹೊಕ್ಕು ನೋಡಿದರೆ, ಅವರು ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ಪಂಗಡದವರು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಬಹುದು. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಪೊಲೀಸರ ಅಫಿಲಿಯೇಷನ್ ಇರತಕ್ಕವರು. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಆರ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್. ಅಕ್ಟಿವಿಸ್ಟ್ ಇವೆ. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾರು ಇನ್‌ವಾಲ್ಯು ಆಗಿರುವವರು, ಯಾರು ಅದನ್ನು ಇನ್‌ವೆಸ್ಟಿಗೇಷನ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡರಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಆಗಿಂದಾಗ್ಗೆ ಈ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಈ ರೀತಿ ಯಾದಂಥ ಗದ್ದಲಗಳು, ಗಲಭೆಗಳು, ಹೊಡೆದಾಟಗಳು ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಇದು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಸಾರಿ ನಡೆಯದೆ ಇರುವಹಾಗೆ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂಬುದೇ ನಮ್ಮ ಆಶೆ. ಹಿಂದಿನಿಂದಲೂ ಈ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳು ಇವೆ. ಕೊಡಗು ಎರಡು ಭಾಗಗಳಾಗಿವೆ. ಒಂದು ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡಗು, ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಕೊಡಗು. ಹಿಂದಿನಿಂದಲೂ ಈ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೈಸೂರಿನಿಂದ ಹೋಗತಕ್ಕ ಒಂದು ರಸ್ತೆ ಇದೆ. ಅದು ಹುಣಸೂರು, ವಿರಾಜಪೇಟೆ, ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಎರಡು ಮೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಟಿಹೋಗುವ ರಸ್ತೆ. ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಕೊಡಗು ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದು ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಇದು ನಡೆಯದೇ ಇರುವಹಾಗೆ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡದೇ ಇರುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಕೆಲವು ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ತಮ್ಮ ಮಂತ್ರಿ ಮಂಡಲದ ಕೆಲವು ಸಚಿವರು ಮತೀಯ ಸಮಾರಂಭಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರು ಜಾತ್ಯಾತೀತ ವಿಷಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಚೋದಕವಾದ ಭಾಷಣ ಮಾಡುವುದು, ಜಾತ್ಯಾತೀತ ಸಂಘಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳೆಂದು ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಗೊತ್ತಿದ್ದರೂ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವುದನ್ನು ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದಾದರೂ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಹೇಳಿ ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವೇ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I straight away say that if anybody whether it is myself or any Minister does it, it is thoroughly wrong and it is unpatriotic. If anything of that kind is brought to my notice, I see that such things do not recur.

Sri H. D. DEVE GOWDA.—Sri Azeez Sait is doing that, and that is the habit he has cultivated.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Let any particular instance be pointed out to me. I will see that such things do not recur.

Sri A. M. BELLIAPPA.—The Government has come to know that there is communal trouble in South Coorg. May I know what action is taken till now to prevent such troubles?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—The troubles are there from years. Now what I am proposing to do is first of all I am trying to get the whole thing properly investigated. I do not say that pockets or individuals are the causes for all such troubles. I will try to find out if there are lapses on the part of the local Police and if I find to my satisfaction that the police could have been more alert and they could have been more vigilant, suitable action will be taken in this regard. Also there are a number of local Officers who are there for a long number of years because of so many reasons. The important reason for their long stay is they want to be there only. I will go into all these things and set right.

Sri A. M. BELLIAPPA.—Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, has it come to the notice of the Government that series of cases instituted against a particular individual who is said to be an accused have not been disposed of all these years and this has been the indirect cause for this trouble?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I do not know whether the cases instituted against a particular individual have not been disposed of and this has been the cause for this trouble. Let the Hon. Member give the full information if the Government were to take action to dispose of the cases provided if it is possible. I will certainly do it if it is possible. If it amounts to interference, I cannot.

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಗುಂಡೂರಾವ್.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ 10 ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ನಷ್ಟವಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ನಮ್ಮ ಅಂದಾಜಿನ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ನಷ್ಟ 30 ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು ಅಗಿದೆ. ನಷ್ಟಕೊಂಡಿರುವೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಬಹಳ ಬಡವರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರಿಗೆ ಕೂಡಲೇ ಏನಾದರೂ ಪರಿಹಾರ ಕೊಡಲು ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—We will take concrete steps.

Papers Laid on the Table

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—I lay on the Table of this House Notification No. GSR 152 dated 6th April 1972 ; The Mysore Excise (Manufacture and bottling of toddy) Rules, 1972 ;

Under Section 71(4) of Mysore Excise Act, 1965. Sir, on behalf of Sri H. M. Channabasappa, Minister for Public works I lay the Accounts of the Mysore State Electricity Board for the year 1970-71 under section 69 (5) of the Electricity (Supply) Act 1948.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries).—On behalf of the Hon. Minister for Finance I beg to lay on the Table of the House :

Order No. S. O. 102 dated 20th December 1971 ; Exemption of 12½ per cent tax on the net proceeds of the Chairtable Lottery License granted to the Principal, Teresian College, Mysore ;

Under Section 30 (2) of the Mysore Lotteries and Prize Competitions Control and Tax Act, 1951.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Both the papers are laid on the Table.

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1972-73

Demands for Grants, Demand Nos. 21, 25 and 27

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Now Hon. Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare to move the motion of Demands for Grants.